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SUBJECT: U. S. Army Garrison Vicenza Policy Memorandum 08-40, Authorized Swimming Areas and Facilities

1. References:

- a. AR 385-10, The Army Safety Program, 23 August 2007.
- b. USAREUR Regulation 385-2, USAREUR Recreational Water Safety Program, 15 March 1995.

2. The following guidelines apply to all Army personnel, Department of the Army Civilians and Family members when participating in water activities in Italy.

a. Swimming is only authorized in approved areas/facilities. Swimming areas/facilities are approved when:

(1) Qualified lifeguards are on duty. The lifeguards possess a current American Red Cross (ARC) Advanced Lifesaving Certificate or ARC Water Safety Instructor Certification or equivalent Italian certification.

(2) Sufficient life saving equipment, communications equipment, first aid facilities, protective devices, etc., is available.

b. Swimming Pools. All public or private swimming pools (including hotel and motel pools used with the permission of the management) are authorized swimming areas. Adult supervision of small children is required.

c. Sea Beaches. All supervised ocean and sea beaches may be used for swimming and bathing unless specifically placed off-limits by the local commanders or local officials for reasons of health or safety.

d. Lakes and Rivers. Lakes may be used when a designated swimming area exists that has an on-duty lifeguard and established hours of operation posted and enforced. Rivers will not be used as swimming areas. Appropriate safety measures will be used when conducting other sporting events on rivers.

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3. Commanders will ensure that the following requirements are implemented:
 - a. Personnel will be briefed to swim only in authorized swimming areas.
 - b. Personnel will be informed about safe swimming and safe boating practices as it applies to swimming.
 - c. Personnel using an approved swimming area or facility will ensure proper and safe behavior of themselves, their family members, and guests.
 - d. Parents will provide supervision of young children at all times.
4. This policy memorandum supersedes U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Policy Memorandum 06-27, Authorized Swimming Areas and Facilities dated 17 September 2005.
5. POC for this memorandum is the USAG Vicenza Safety at DSN: 634-8109.


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